

Passaic River Superfund Community Advisory Group Monthly Meeting Thursday, September 12, 2013

6 PM – 8:30 PM

St. James Church

Enter door at rear parking lot at the corner of Madison and Elm

Draft Agenda

6:00 PM Agenda Review
 Introductions

6:15 PM Project Updates
 • River Mile 10.9 Removal, Model Run, FFS

RM10.9:

- JoeN: Opening bridge all night – should not need to happen every night, should it? CPG would be moving barges up & down river every night.

FFS:

- DougS: Take holidays into account for proposed plan public comment period.
- David explains formal public meetings (more than one). Work closely with CAG & local officials where public meetings should be & dates.
- DougS: Will there be informal availability sessions? Yes.
- Does CAG also submit formal comments? Yes.
- Does EPA translate documents? Yes.
- **Need to invite HQI modelers to CAG to explain modeling results. Nov meeting. Make move of bathymetric changes.**
- What happens to Phase 2? How is it related to FFS sediment disposal? Phase 2 is under separate legal agreement, involving CDF. Siting CDF is major issue that has to be dealt with before Phase 2 can be started. If FFS & Phase 2 converge, we will have to deal with it. But there are legal issues, because of separate agreement governing Phase 2.
- Does EPA have authority to inspect bridges and make sure they work before FFS work starts?
- Lots of questions about navigation depths for Passaic. Where is it deep enough for commercial navigation? Is navigation depth taken into account in FFS alternatives? Does cap preclude deeper navigation depths?
- Bring in EPA to talk about CSOs, shoreline erosion, etc... - holistic view of river cleanup.

17-mile:

- CAG asks for presentation on results of hot spot sampling. CPG to send map of SSP results.
- CAG asks for summary of what's going on?
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- Schedule and Timing Moving Forward
- Lisa Baron to present restoration feasibility study to CAG. Resent USACE web site link.

- Discussion: When and what input should the CAG be looking to prepare?

7:00 PM Technical Support

- Update on TASC support
- Ask TASC contractor to attend next CAG, discuss technologies table.
- Where can TASC help on FFS?
 - Relationship of biota at bottom of river to dredging
 - How long will it take to dredge river? Are assumptions being used realistic?
 - Dredging vs. capping
 - Environmental Justice evaluation of dredging & disposal (air quality, etc.)
 - How has river progressed over time, based on bathymetry surveys (to be addressed by EPA in modeling presentation)
- SKEO did review of CPG approach vs. EPA approach? Identified 8 questions CAG should ask??
 - Coordination with possible new TAG recipient
 - Discussion: Any input to how the TAG could best support the community. What specific TASC support would the CAG like to have moving forward?

7:30 PM Public Outreach

- EPA planned outreach activities
- Discussion: What specific outreach activities and support should the CAG be planning moving forward?

8:00 PM Discuss next steps and activities for CAG planning and organization

8:30 PM Wrapup and Adjourn

Remaining 2013 Meetings:

October 10

November 14

December 12